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Attorney's Docket No. 012712-652

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of) **BOX: NON-FEE AMENDMENT**
Randolph J. NOELLE et al)
Application No.: 09/223,634) Group Art Unit: 1644
Filed: December 31, 1998) Examiner: P. Gambel
For: TREATMENT OF CELL MEDIATED)
AUTOIMMUNE DISORDERS)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

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☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (248) ☐ \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.

☐ Also enclosed is _____

☒ A statement(s) claiming small entity status
☐ are also enclosed ☒ were submitted previously.

☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.

☒ No additional claim fee is required.

☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	10	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (103) =	
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$78.00 (102) =	
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Total Amendment Fee					
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☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

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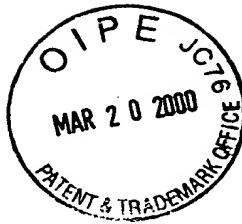
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ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action [restriction requirement] mailed on February 18, 2000, in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants elect with traverse treatment of diabetes using an antibody that binds gp39. The Restriction Requirement is respectfully traversed on the basis that Applicants have made a generic invention, namely the discovery that T-cell mediated autoimmune diseases may be effectively treated by administration of gp39 antagonists, e.g., antibodies specific to gp39. Therefore, upon a determination that treatment of diabetes is allowable, the Examiner should extend the search to non-elected species, namely treatment of oophoritis or thyroiditis. Applicants